To Mr. H. Cullman (Chairman)

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Disclaimer

Ref. discussion in Bermuda. Imperial proposes that the first para. of article 2. in original charter be replaced with the following:

'The association has as its purpose the establishment of an international centre to provide advisory and supportive services to its members, national manufacturers' associations and similar tobacco trade associations and other interested parties on smoking issues relevant to the tobacco industry and its consumers. It shall not be part of the association's purpose to make medical judgments on any smoking issue.

The association shall seek to achieve its objectives by collecting analysing and disseminating information, assembling and making available a body of relevant knowledge and expertise, initiating and coordinating international strategies and actions and by other analogous means. There may be occasions when material published, activities undertaken and opinions expressed by the association on medcial matters may not necessarily represent the positions or views of all members of the association and any member by notice in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Directors/Secretary General may formally disassociate itself from such material published, activity undertaken or opinion expressed by the association.'

In the event of wanting to invoke the disclaimer a letter along the following lines would be sent to Chairman and Secretary General:

'We hereby give you formal notice as permitted by Article 2. of the ICOSI charter, that the document/activity/opinion to be published/undetaken/expressed by ICOSI does not accord with the views and position of Imperial Tobacco Limited on the matter in question and that accordingly Imperial Tobacco Limited hereby dissociates itself from that Document/Activity and Opinion."

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